CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 31, 2025, 3:00 P.M.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Board members present: Nick Bernier, Tony Coffey, Dave Peterson, Carrie Ruud, Sarah Fogderud, Alan Albrecht

Board members absent: Jodi Billy, Mike Bosquez

Guests: Susan Koering, Pelican Lake Association President

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. by Tony Coffey, President.

Motion to approve February 4, 2025, Board meeting minutes by Carrie, second by Alan. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report – Dave gave the report in Jodi's absence.

- Checking account funds available as of 2/28/2025 - $15,707.74. Deposits of $4900.00 include our annual $3800 CWEPA grant. Total checking balance is $20,607.74.
- 6-month (4.3%) CD #1239702 total $4,390.51 matures 5/17/2025.
- 1 year (4.0%) CD #1239701 total $5,545.00 matures 1/17/2026.

LARA Membership Renewals –
20 of 32 2024 members have renewed already plus we have one new member this year.

2025 AIS Roundtable Update –
Date set for May 31, 2025, at Crosslake Lutheran Church, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Speakers are being lined up and the meeting will be hybrid capable.

LARA Education and Awareness Initiatives

- AIS Detector Workshop (May 9th)/Online Workshop – Cost is $195/$150 Online. Motion by Carrie to provide one 50% scholarship per member lake association using CWEPA funds, second by Nick. Motion carried.

Resort Owner Program – Tony spoke with Jessica Shea at CWC. Alan talked with Gary Griffin last fall about this. Probably 35-40 resorts in the county. We should be able to get the list from the county. He has program materials from another county. It was felt personal outreach would be better than a mailer. Timing of the program rollout was discussed. General consensus is a slower approach as many folks aren't even up here until after the middle of May. Tony will try and have a rep from CWC join our May meeting.

WAPOA Starry Stonewort 2025 Plan/CWC lake Association Update
WAPOA applied for a $35K grant from the Laura Jane Musser Foundation. WAPOA will hold a meeting via Zoom in mid-April to discuss their 2025 plan and how other area lake association activities can help prevent the spread of starry stonewort to their lakes.

LARA 2025 Happy Hour
No date is set yet. A suggested topic is “Increasing Membership In Your Lake Association.”

Other Business

- WAPOA Happy Hour – Roundhouse Brewery, 4:30-6:00 pm
- Loon Center groundbreaking – June 20th
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Next meeting: May 5, 2025, 3-4:15 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

By Dave Peterson

Secretary